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WEATHER.  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—For lower Michigan—Showers; much warmer; south winds.

CYRUS E. PERKINS.  
For twelve years Judge Perkins has been entrusted with public office. During that period no question as to his integrity has ever arisen. No breath of scandal has polluted the record he has made for fidelity. He stands above partisan criticism. His acts have been subjected to the scrutiny of interested parties, but there has yet to be made the suspicion of a charge that a dollar was ever misapplied or misdirected during his tenure of office. He is a candidate for probate judge—a non-political place. He is the present incumbent, and were it not for the senseless practice of dividing so-called spoils of office he would be unanimously elected. His office is one wherein the incumbent is brought closer to the family and to the home circle than in any other public office. He stands between the dead and the greedy living. He must needs be a man of rare patience, forbearance and unyielding decision of character. To apportion dead men's estates among clamorous claimants and to throw about the orphan and demented the friendly mantle of protection requires a man of intelligence, compassion and true heartedness. Judge Perkins is an exemplar of all these virtues.



ALFRED WOLCOTT.  
Mr. Wolcott is a young lawyer, but not without experience. He has had the advantage of association with lawyers commanding a large business, and this has given him a training that otherwise would have been the price of long years of experience. He is peculiarly qualified for the duties of public prosecutor. Instinct with an evenly balanced sense of justice he would bring to his office that discrimination which impels a prosecutor to move in

the interest of the people. There would be no pats to pamper nor foes to punish. Exact and even justice would have in him a dignified, unassuming confidant. He is presented for the office as a man splendidly prepared to execute the trust. If the people of Kent county would have a circumspect and impartial administration of justice they will unite in supporting Mr. Wolcott. If they would have their legal business transacted with accuracy and dispatch they will vote for Mr. Wolcott. If they would have no convenient loopholes left for the escape of partisan friends of the prosecutor, Mr. Wolcott will be the next prosecuting attorney.



JOHN T. GOULD.  
John T. Gould, our nominee for register of deeds, has been a prominent figure in the political affairs of this county for many years. The greater part of his life has been spent in this congressional district. The three years which he served as a soldier in the ranks are the only years since 1864 that he has not been a resident of Rockford. For a great part of that time he has served the people as a faithful officer. In his civil, military and official life there is not a blemish. For fourteen years he has represented his township on the board of supervisors. Part of that time he has acted in

the capacity of chairman of the board. As a member of the building committee of the new court house he rendered valuable service to the public and acted with great credit to himself. He asks office upon the good record which he has made, and his request should be granted.

FRANKLIN EDDY.  
Frank Eddy is a prime favorite in Lowell, the village where he was born and in which he has lived to manhood. He is one of those urbane gentlemen



whose society is courted by friends and whose flow of humor is as free as a current of rippling water. He is our candidate for county clerk. Without urging a word in derogation of his opponent, his friends insist upon Mr. Eddy's election because he is the right man for the place. In most respects he is a counterpart of the present incumbent, whose chief and only sin is that he belongs to the democratic party. Mr. Eddy, to the contrary is a staunch republican, always has been one, and will continue to be one so long as democracy proclaims free trade as one of its cardinal virtues. He will be elected to the office not because Mr. Carpenter is wholly undeserving the honor, but because he deserves to be. This city needs just such whole-souled, stirring men as Mr. Eddy, and his election will make it necessary for him to take up his residence among us. He is entitled to receive every republican vote and a very large number of democratic votes. He will get both and the office.

JACOB EISENHARDT.  
Descended from that sturdy Teuton race whose homely honesty has challenged the admiration of all civilizations, the republican candidate for

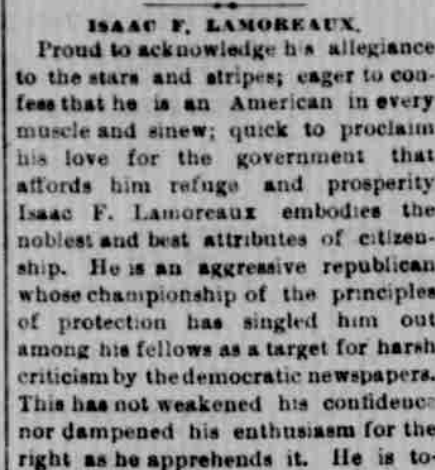


county treasurer seems to have been wisely selected. Mr. Eisenhardt is not a theoretical workingman. His hands tell the story of actual contact with actual toil. He does not parade his great love for labor as the jewel beyond value to his fellows, but he pursues the even tenor of his way satisfied to reap while others loiter and protest. He was nominated for the office of treasurer as a recognition of the two great classes he represents. There was no agreement or subtle contract with professional politicians made to deceive the honest workingman. He was selected not as an agitator; not as an inciter to passionate demonstrations of love for labor, but as a loyal, honest, German-American workingman. As such his party asks that he be received; that he be elected to pay a worthy tribute to the cause of labor and to recognize that large and respectable element of our population—the Germans. Mr. Eisenhardt has had practical experience in public office, and is so well acquainted with the details of the office for which he has been nominated that he will be able to attend to them with credit.

MCGILL COYE.  
These two gentlemen are the regular republican candidates for circuit court commissioners. Mr. McGill is a bright and worthy young man. He is popular among the younger members of the party, and will receive a hearty and spontaneous endorsement from them. He is president of the young men's republican club and is a stirring, energetic worker for the success of his party. The office of circuit court commissioner is one of importance. Mr. McGill is certainly fitted to discharge its duties faithfully and well. Mr. Coye is also a young man who has risen from the workbench to a position of prominence in business and politics. He has been assailed for lack of sympathy with labor organizations, and a determined effort will be made to defeat him. His friends defend him from the aspersion cast upon him, and declare that he has been made the victim of a misunderstanding. He is a man of ability and has worked untiringly for the success of the party. Republicans will feel it a duty to support him.

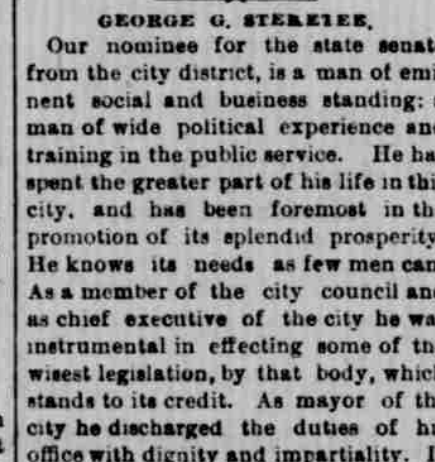
DANFORTH LOCHER.  
So many complaints have been made against the present management of the coroner's business that it is thought advisable that a change be made. The

republicans have nominated two very good citizens, both reputable and painstaking physicians, for these offices. Dr. Danforth, a resident of Ada, represents the townships, and Dr. Locher the city. It is believed that this division equalizes the duties and minimizes the responsibilities. Where both coroners reside in the city there are frequent clashes of authority, and sometimes the fees to be made beget a greater zeal to impel juries and hold inquests than the circumstances calling for the intervention of a coroner really justify. A change can result in no particular injury to the taxpayers. It is more than likely that much good would result therefrom. Vote for Locher and Danforth.



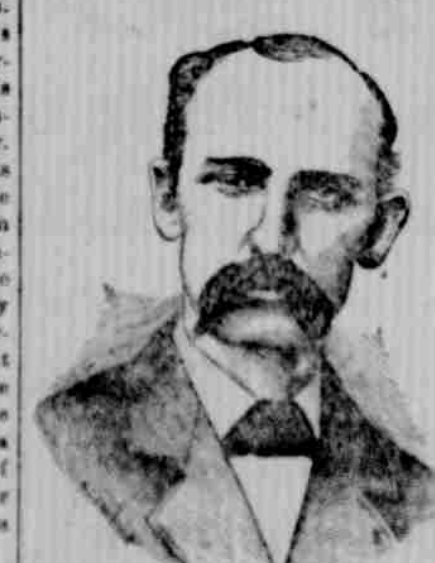
ISAAC F. LAMOREAUX.  
Proud to acknowledge his allegiance to the stars and stripes; eager to confess that he is an American in every muscle and sinew; quick to proclaim his love for the government that affords him refuge and prosperity Isaac F. Lamoreaux embodies the noblest and best attributes of citizenship. He is an aggressive republican whose championship of the principles of protection has singled him out among his fellows as a target for harsh criticism by the democratic newspapers. This has not weakened his confidence nor dampened his enthusiasm for the right as he apprehends it. He is to

day just as fearless and outspoken as ever. Nominated for a second time to be sheriff of Kent county he appeals to his party for a vindication. There is no reason why he should not be vindicated. He is the peer of any republican that ever made the race and won. His qualifications are not subject to question. He is an undoubted citizen. The republicans of this city, from local pride, if from no other reason, should rally to his support and land him a safe and easy winner. Not only should every republican vote for him, but he should urge every patriotic democrat to do likewise.



GEORGE G. STEKLER.  
Our nominee for the state senate from the city district, is a man of eminent social and business standing; a man of wide political experience and training in the public service. He has spent the greater part of his life in this city, and has been foremost in the promotion of its splendid prosperity. He knows its needs as few men can. As a member of the city council and as chief executive of the city he was instrumental in effecting some of the wisest legislation by that body, which stands to its credit. As mayor of this city he discharged the duties of his office with dignity and impartiality. If

he shall be chosen by the electors of his senatorial district to represent them in the next legislature he will perform the duties devolving upon him with wisdom and fidelity. He should be elected.



JEREMIAH H. ANDERSON.  
Jeremiah Anderson is a man of the common people. His interests and affections are with the masses. Representing the better class of citizenship he stands pre-eminent as a worthy res-

common council and intimate knowledge with the necessities of the city he is abundantly equipped to look after the city's interests in the lower house. Personally Mr. Anderson is genial, kindly and a good neighbor. Everybody speaks well of him. He is liked for his noble qualities of mind and heart, and by none better than the workmen whose devoted friend he always has been.

WILLIAM ALDRICH TATEUM.  
It is fortunate for the city that the republicans were wise enough to nomi-



nate for the legislature a lawyer of ability and standing. Mr. Tateum is one of the closest students of municipal law in the state. His legal knowledge will be of infinite advantage in a body where such knowledge is essential to the drawing of proposed enactments. The democrats made a singular oversight in this respect. Their candidates are intelligent men, but not one of the three could draft a statute that would stand the scrutiny of a court. It is therefore of direct and great importance that a lawyer who is capable, trustworthy and honest shall be sent to represent us at Lansing. Mr. Tateum is a young man, greatly admired for his affability and easy address. He has served in the common council and knows how to serve this municipality in a satisfactory manner.

EUGENE E. ALLEN.  
Mr. Allen is a typical American. He believes in the triumph of American institutions. Not given to ostentatious display he quietly enjoys the blessings vouchsafed to him and to all under the benign laws of his state and country. He is a protectionist and there-



fore a republican. Mere incidents do not sway his judgment, but he reasons from cause to effect when called upon to vindicate a principle. His business is such as to bring him into continued contact with the home-owners. He understands how our people are enabled to buy homes and pay for them. He is a republican candidate for the legislature. His knowledge of the laws governing municipal reality, public and private, is kept alert by daily application. The subject of taxation is one in which he excels. He has made a study of it. He knows where the poor is pinched and where the rich are favored. Such a man in the legislature will prove his worth before the session has been fairly settled to business.

EDMUND M. BARNARD.  
Mr. Barnard was a member of the last house of representatives and distinguished himself as a careful, prudent and conscientious public servant. He is now a candidate for the senate, and it is conceded that he will be elected by a handsome majority. Only two wards in the city will participate in the election of a senator for the seventh district. Mr. Barnard is deservedly strong with the people, for he has proved his fidelity to every trust reposed in him.

McBRIDE'S FLOP.  
For some years James E. McBride affiliated with the republican party and was honored by it with signal and repeated recognitions. A few days since he announced his withdrawal from the party because, among other reasons stated, it is a party of "fraud and corruption."

Mr. McBride is a lawyer, and as such is believed to be a man that analyzes conditions at a glance and formulates opinions with celerity. But in this case he seems to have taken any amount of time before arriving at the solemn conclusion that he must leave the party for the party's good. If the party is corrupt and fraudulent it must have been so from the moment the two national platforms framed the great issue. That was in June. He did not then think the party was so bad as to proscriber his virtuous membership. Nor did he think so September 17, when as a candidate for prosecuting attorney in the republican county convention, he wrote to Edward Hume, a delegate, asking him to support his candidacy against a host of competitors, and assuring him in case of defeat that he would "be found in the fight" with his successful competitor.

There will be a sad face at the window in Grover's mansion on Sunday.

There is something so improbable in the story borne from Chicago narrating the marriage of a father to his own daughter, that one instinctively hopes that it will prove to be wholly without foundation. There is, however, a dread suspicion that it may turn out to be true. If it shall so develop, it will afford a plot from real life about which the architects of yellow covered literature will weave a series of thrilling and disgusting novelettes, beside which the imaginings of Zola will become tame and insipid.

There is little left to do in this campaign. Republicans will keep a sharp eye to democratic tricksters and see to it that no dishonest means be used to thwart the will of the great majority. An honest election will and must be had. In an honest election the entire republican state ticket will be elected. It is one of the best tickets ever in the field and ought to be successful to a man.

Congressman Springer—To discard the organization which nominated Cleveland for the presidency twice, and once carried the state for him for president, which nominated and elected him governor, and which now has seven successive and signal victories to its credit in the state of New York, would be an act of political suicide.

Vote.  
Vote the straight republican ticket.  
Vote for your homes.  
Vote for your own protection.  
Vote for the good of the city.  
Vote for the good of the county.  
Vote for the good of your state.  
Vote for the highest interests  
Of the country in which you live.

It is doubtful whether the board of health has shown wisdom in reducing the corps of sanitary inspectors at this time. If there was ever a winter when cities should be thoroughly inspected to prevent an accumulation of filth it will be during the coming winter when the danger from cholera is lurking on our shores.

Chicago Herald (dem.)—It is not seriously claimed in any quarter that Mr. Cleveland can carry New York. Only madmen will profess that the democratic party can elect a president next November without New York. That is the situation in absolute simplicity.

When Herbert Spencer was asked for his opinion concerning Renan's philosophical works, he frankly confessed that he had never read them. A great many of the literary critics of the country are in the same condition; but far less frank.

All the labor unions in New Orleans are going to strike except the typographical union. A printer is too bright to stop work on account of grievances. He has too many other ways of getting even with the deal.

While the registration to date is unprecedentedly heavy, it does not foreshadow the division of the vote. It is safe to predict, however, that the republican vote will be the largest ever polled in this city.

General A. J. Warner—No man knows what true democratic principles are can, without grossly stultifying himself, espouse either the platform or the men who stand on it. I am not on the stump this year.

Calvin S. Brice—I tell you frankly there is not a thinking democrat in Chicago tonight who doesn't fully realize that Mr. Cleveland can not be elected president of the United States this year.

From the estimates furnished by the county and congressional committees it is obvious that somebody is doomed to cheerless disappointment next Wednesday morning.

There is some satisfaction to be obtained from an early winter. The sooner snow comes the fewer defeats the U. of M.'s foot ball team will sustain.

If you discover a surfeit of political matter this morning you will be soothed by the reflection that it will not occur again in four long years.

Society folks will not postpone contemplated festivities to attend the democratic jollification meeting. There won't be any this year.

Now that the "co-eds" have adopted abbreviated gowns Ann Arbor will be avoided by the traveling burlesque companies.

No, gentle maiden, the kindergarten class in the prosecuting attorney's office does not wear buns and tuckers.

Young Mr. Slocum will have reason to be thankful that Grand Rapids is not of the "quick-go" variety.

General Siskier—I tell you, sir, the old soldier will not vote for Cleveland. He can not carry New York.

There will be a sad face at the window in Grover's mansion on Sunday.

## HE TRIED TO DIE

Ralph Slocum Attempts to Asphyxiate Himself by Filling His Room with Gas

A Meter Gave the Warning That Saved His Life—He Has Had a Checked Career.

Ralph Slocum, well known about town, attempted suicide at 9 o'clock yesterday morning in a fashionable boarding house at No. 218 Ottawa street by closing the doors and windows and turning on the gas full force. The rapid click of the gas meter saved his life. The other residents of the house noticed the rapid working of the meter and began a search for the cause. They found Slocum in his room rigid and apparently dead. He had thrown his coat on the floor against the door to prevent any possible entrance of pure air. Dr. J. J. Rice, who lives next door, was summoned and responded immediately. It took two hours of vigorous work before Slocum was restored to consciousness. On his desk were six letters, one of which was directed to his mother, Mrs. Dr. E. H. Bellaire. He left a note asking that the letters be mailed, as he had no money to pay the postage. The letters were destroyed as soon as he recovered and their contents are not known. Slocum has lived a fast life, and was unable to keep up with the pace he had set. At one time he was bookkeeper for the Kusterer bottling works, but got the finances of his employers and his own so mixed that he was obliged to go west.

Could Not Get Employment.  
Very recently he returned to this city and attempted to get employment, but failed, and becoming discouraged attempted to take his life. His father lives in Detroit. Ralph had attempted to get money from his father, but was unsuccessful. In his letter to his mother he stated that he was in hard luck, and his prospects ruined. His mother is Mrs. Dr. Bellaire, formerly of this city, now of Bellaire. As soon as some of his friends heard of his attempt upon his life a fund was raised for him and he will be taken care of for a time until he recovers. Some of his friends state that the cause of his downward course was disappointment in a love affair. Some years ago he was engaged to an estimable young lady who refused to marry him on account of his profligacy to being tough. On returning to this city about a week ago he learned for the first time that she was married. He told several friends he was badly broken up by the news and seemed very despondent.

During the past year he has been in Chicago and claimed he roomed with Harry Pease, formerly of this city. Slocum is a bright young fellow, his chief weakness being that he has not been able to shake off the bad influences that surrounded him. His friends will now aid him and will assist him to brace up and be a man again.

TOOK HIS OWN LIFE.  
More Particulars of Harry Smith's Sad Death.

Since the first reports were circulated concerning the death of Harry Smith, it has been learned that he committed suicide. He was found in his room in the New Sheridan house of South Bend with a bullet hole in his right temple. Gas was escaping from an unlighted jet, he having taken double precautions to make his death certain. Beside the bed lay a revolver of 32 calibre, with an empty chamber. The openings about the door, window and transom had been padded with paper and every precaution taken to prevent the gas from getting out of the room. The preparations for the deadly deed showed the most deliberate, careful and determined action on the part of the desperate man. The bullet had failed to do its work as it did not penetrate the skull. The suicide had some doubts about the efficacy of the revolver, so to make the attempt doubly sure the gas was turned loose and allowed to fill the room. When the coroner made an investigation, it was found that death had been caused by asphyxiation. The bullet had made only a flesh wound, including itself in the outer part of the skull, just above the temple.

Mr. Smith's Letter.  
The following letter was found lying on his table:

November 2, 1892.  
To the Finder:  
Being tired of life and the struggle for a bare existence, I have decided to push aside the veil and explore that unknown country from whose borders no traveler ever returns. This may be called a rash act, but I don't think it. I called for the privilege of existing as hardly worth the effort of a man who lives by his brain and labor, in my opinion. I would like to have the following people notified of my death: Mr. W. H. H. Smith, Jr., No. 84 Dunbar street, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Miss Winnie Smith, Fenton, Mich.; Gil B. Smith, Detroit, Mich., care Free Press. I would like to have the funeral ceremony of the B. P. O. E. said over my body here and wish to be buried in Grand Rapids, Mich., and there laid in the burial lot of Valley City lodge, F. & A. M., No. 86, of which lodge I am a member in good standing. And now in conclusion, may all those who feel that I have wronged them forgive me, as I do those whom I feel have wronged me, is the last wish of Harry Smith.

His Body Brought Here.  
Wednesday Mr. Smith tried to borrow a revolver of a friend on some trifling pretext. He remained in his room in the New Sheridan house all the next day. The housekeeper says he had the gas lighted most of the time and was heard pacing the room whenever she passed it. She called to him once and asked if he was sick or wanted something to eat, but he replied that he did not care for anything but water. The water was sent him. He did not leave the room during the day.

Mr. Smith was a man of convivial habits and sometimes drank to excess. This undoubtedly was one of the causes that led to his sad and tragic end. He was naturally so jolly and seemed so well contented with life, however, that no one would have selected him as a subject of the suicide mania. Mr. Smith was 38 years old.

His body arrived in the city at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. It was taken to the family residence, No. 84 Dunbar street. The funeral will be held from the residence at 2 o'clock this afternoon and the interment will be in Falcon street cemetery. The deceased was a member of the Brotherhood of Elks, Valley City lodge, F. and

A. M., and a former member of De Molay commandery Knights Templar. His funeral will be conducted under the auspices of the societies to which he belonged.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Only Routine Business Transacted at Last Night's Session.

Hereafter persons that wish to attend night school must have a certificate of moral character from the superintendent of schools. "De gaps" will be squelched and pupils conscientiously wishing to study will have a chance. The board of education so decided last night. In the absence of President Fisher, Trustee Blair presided. It was decided to establish an ungraded school at Hall street and to establish two night schools, one in the North Division street building and one in the central. The limits of the Fountain street school were extended to include both sides of Jefferson avenue.

E. W. Dow's resignation as instructor in the high school was accepted. Theresa Maybury was transferred to Sibley street; Lottie Arrowsmith to Pine street; Nellie B. Nelson to Jefferson street; Ophelia Satterlee to Jefferson avenue; E. A. Carpenter and Mrs. Maybury to be instructors in the central night school. Julia and Margaret Duran were granted third grade certificates.

It was unanimously voted to require the pupils in the night schools to obtain permits from the superintendent of schools.

## LITERARY CLUB.

The Character of Helen Gardner's Writings Discussed by the Members.

At the meeting of the literary club yesterday afternoon the first number on the program was music from the overture of Othello, by Rossini. It was followed by an article on the "Practical Side of Scripture," a poem, "Lines Addressed to a Skeleton," and a short sketch of the life of Helen Gardner were given. Extracts from some of her books were read, followed by a discussion of the following questions: "Can prenatal influence intelligently exercised modify long established inherited traits?" which best serves to elevate humanity, to dispel the evils of the day and by knowing them help find a remedy, or leave them entirely in the background?" "Does not the fiction treating of delicate subjects educate persons who would not read purely scientific works?" which is the nobler aim in life, personal intellectuality, or knowledge of vital questions of the day.

The guests of the literary club were as follows: Mesdames T. Fenol, Cincinnati; Miller, New York; N. Freeman, Dublin, Ireland; Lyon, East Saginaw; Cavanaugh, Muskegon; Hanford, Audubon; Stevenson, Carson City; E. W. Welch, Iowa; J. W. Thompson, Detroit.

## FIRE IN A DRY KILN.

The Harrison Company Loses \$5,000 Worth of Lumber.

Fire broke out yesterday afternoon at 4:30 in the dry kiln of Harrison's wagon works on North avenue and did considerable damage before it was subdued. An alarm was turned in from box No. 67 and the department responded, but with the facilities at hand could not get control of the fire which was making rapid headway in the dry lumber stored in the building. A second alarm was turned in and extra apparatus was taken to the scene. Four streams of water were brought to bear on the flames. Within three-quarters of an hour the fire was under control and was confined to the building in which it appeared. The kiln is a three-story brick structure and was filled with dry hardwood lumber. Mr. Harrison estimated his loss at \$5,000. He could not estimate his insurance on the property destroyed, as the insurance covers the whole plant for \$100,000. The fire is supposed to have originated from a spark emitted from a blow pipe.

## TALKED TO THE TEACHERS.

Prof. Hallman Discusses Kindergarten's Relation to Primary Grades.

Prof. W. N. Hallman spoke at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning to the teachers in the high school building on the relation of the kindergarten to the primary school. He said he thought the spirit in which the child was trained in the kindergarten should be carried into the primary grades. If it were the proper method to show the purpose for which all work was done to the child, it must be the proper method when he enters the primary. The mere cramming in of knowledge was not the end to be attained. The adaptability of knowledge should be sought. The best school he ever saw was in Boston. The teacher taught no arithmetic, no reading, no writing. The pupils were led to see the necessity for arithmetic, the need for reading and the need for penmanship, and very good scholars in those branches because they understood the need of them.

## Uses American Tin Plate.

Chief Clerk W. H. Cameron of the master mechanics' office of Grand Rapids & Indiana is authority for the statement that that road is now using American-made tin plate exclusively at the shops of the road in this city. It is said by the same authority that the plate is of a superior quality to that which was used when a foreign-made article was used. The plate from the celebrated Tabor mills of Philadelphia, and is as near perfect as human genius is able to produce. The price, Mr. Cameron says, is below that paid for the foreign made article. The Grand Rapids & Indiana road uses vast quantities of tin plate for car roofs and various purposes.

## "Too Soon" Pedro Party.

The "Too Soon" Pedro party gave its first Pedro party last evening at the residence of Albert Schmeissner, No. 161 South Main street. Present were: Mrs. Frank Edge and J. Berratti.

The next party will be given at the residence of Mrs. Frank Edge, No. 169 Broadway street, next Saturday evening.

## Educational Exhibit.

The Grand Rapids schools will have an exhibit at the world's fair. The November number of the Helios, in addition to the article on the subject by the Hon. Ferris K. Fitch, will contain an account of the educational exhibit from the city. It will be issued November 15.

## Dr. Lockery Shot.

Dr. Lockery of Grand Forks, South Dakota, was shot by the accidental discharge of a gun last Sunday while hunting. He dropped the gun and it was discharged. He fell. The cause of shot entered his mouth. He is seriously if not fatally injured. He is the husband of Mrs. Lockery, who recently purchased Hartman's hall. She was on her way to the city at the time and was telegraphed to return home.